



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David CHIEN et al.

Title: A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE CONTAMINATION TESTING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006, *Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-19) for examination.*

The Examiner has required restriction between Group 1 (claims 1-19), drawn to a biological sample storage and testing device; Group II (claims 20-25), drawn to methods of detecting nucleotides requiring lysis; and Group III (claims 26-31), drawn to method of detecting proteins not requiring lysis. Once the product claims of Group I are found to be allowable, Applicants request rejoinder of the process claims of Groups II and III, which recite all the elements of claim 1 in Group I.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this response. If that is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account

No. 19-0741. Additionally, if any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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